Imperial Potentate and Escort at Shrine Hospital

1925

FRONT row, left to right: James C. Burger of Denver, imperial potentate; Mrs. Burger; C. N. Bunbar of Providence, imperial chief rabban; Mrs. James R. Watt of Albany; James R. Watt of Albany, imperial trustee for the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children of North America. Second row, left to right: T. Walter Carman of Melha Temple, E. J. G. Cameron of Mecca Temple, New York, Henry L. Bowles of the board of governors; Charles A. Frazer, potentate of Melha Temple and secretary of the board of governors; Past Potentate A. P. Crounse of Cyprus Temple, Albany; Past Potentate Preston Belvin of Acca Temple, Richmond, Va.; Dr. R. Nelson Hatt, chief surgeon of the hospital; George M. Hendee, chairman of the board of governors; Past Potentate Elmer A. Hooper of Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport; Past Potentate and Member of Board of Governors Harry H. Caswell of Melha Temple; Past Potentate and Member of Board of Governors Fred R. Brown of Melha Temple; John A. Webber, chief rabban of Melha Temple; Walter S. Pease, assistant rabban of Melha Temple. City Solicitor Charles H. Beckwith, also a member of the board of governors, is on the extreme left in the third row.

The Trustees
Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children
cordially invite you to be present at the
ceremonies attending
the laying of the cornerstone of the
New England Unit
by the
Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts
Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell and Suite
and
Imperial Potentate, A.A.O.N.M.S.
of North America
Conrad V. Dykeman and Divan
at Springfield, Massachusetts
Monday, May twenty-sixth, at two-thirty o'clock

Melha Temple
Charles F. Watson
Potentate

Building Committee
George M. Hendee
Chairman

Please reply before May 18th

Shrine Hospital Turns Out Its First Cure Today

April 8. 1925

Back Row, Left to Right, Dr. R. Nelson Hatt, Chief Surgeon; Miss Harriet McCollam, Chief Nurse; O. B. Olmstead, Vice-President of the Kiwanis Club; A. H. Phillips, George M. Hendee, Harry Seabury, George Chapin. Front Row, Johnny Brinck, Oscar J. Dillman and George Williamson.

FIRST PATIENT LEAVES SHRINE HOSPITAL TODAY

Departure of Johnny Brinck, Kiwanis Protege, Made Notable Event; Club Visits Institution.

Johnny Brinck goes home today. Johnny is the protege of the Kiwanis Club and was among the first patients to be admitted to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children and today, the first patient discharged, he goes home practically cured of club feet. The Kiwanis Club, headed by its band, was on hand at the hospital this noon to speed him on his way.

This was the first time that many of the Kiwanians had visited the hospital and their interest was as intense as that of the children who watched the large group of men file through the building. The Shrine Hospital has been very close to the hearts of the Kiwanians since it was first planned and the splendid equipment of the operating room is due to the Kiwanis Club.

First of all Johnny had his picture taken surrounded by a group of Kiwanians, the chief surgeon, Dr. R. N. Hatt, the chief nurse, Miss Harriet J. McCollum, and George M. Hendee, head of the Shrine Hospital committee, who turned Johnny over to the Kiwanians. Following the picture the new Kiwanis Band, resplendent in scarlet and gold uniforms, held forth in their own inimitable manner. This is truly a novelty band with many weird instruments that would puzzle the brain of a Sousa or Whiteman to name. "Pep" seems to be its middle name as personified by J. Frank Tucker and Harold Jensen, the latter a drummer par excellence. A fine salad luncheon was then served.

After luncheon the Kiwanians were welcomed officially by George M. Hendee and Dr. Hatt and a tour of the hospital was made. If one expects to see any sign of pain or unhappiness one is doomed to disappointment. Unhappiness has no place in the Shrine Hospital and all signs of pain seem to be heroically suppressed. Even the tots in the baby ward crooned and gurgled for all the world as if they were at home. The older boys and girls were having their luncheons and ice-cream cones seemed to be the dessert. At least when the nurses saw that every plate had been cleaned and every glass of milk emptied an ice-cream cone was forthcoming. Woe betide the nurse who forgot to give a child his dessert. Pandemonium reigned at once.

The children in the glass cubicles were having a wonderful time playing with the gifts that have been showered on the hospital. These glass cubicles are used for the patients who have just entered the hospital and after a short period of probation they are allowed out with the other children when it is seen that they have no infectious disease.

Flowers were everywhere and that with the brilliant sunshine playing over the magnificent panorama that [illegible] sees from any of the hospital wards made a wonderfully bright and [illegible] sight.

ACHIEVERS FROM SHRINE HOSPITAL RECEIVING PINS FOR EXCELLENT WORK

June 18. 1926.

SHRINERS' Happy-Go-Lucky Achievement Club visiting the City-wide Exhibit at 272 Bridge Street. From left to right, front row: Evelyn of Ansonia, Conn., Grace of New Britain. Standing: Miss Marion L. Ober, assistant director of the Junior Achievement Foundation, is presenting the Junior Achievement pin to Dorothy of New Haven. Next in order are Shirley of Waldoboro, Me., and Della of Springfield, Mass. Dorothy, Shirley and Della received Junior Achievement pins for their Achievement Club work.

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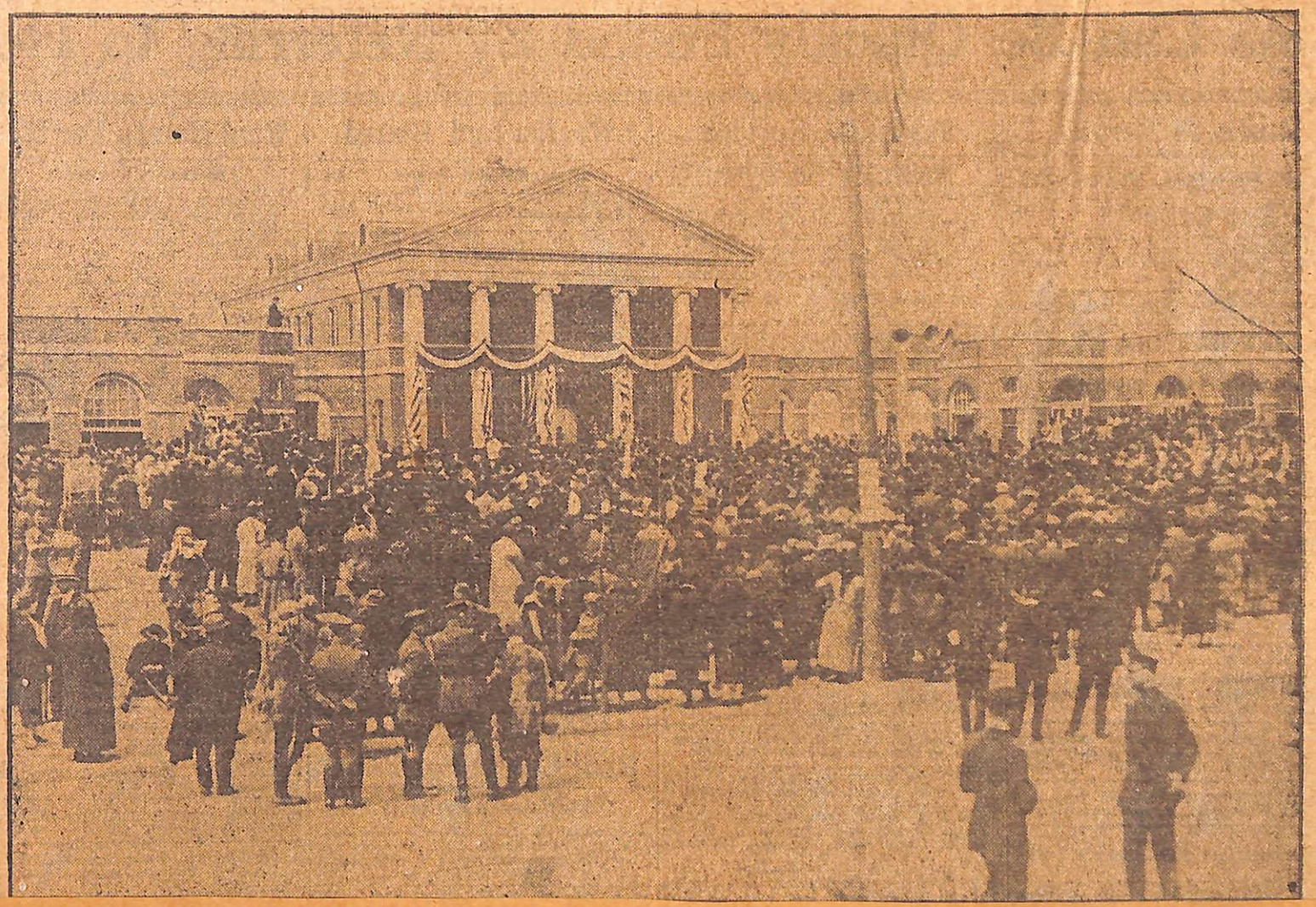
Panorama of Scene at Dedication of Shrine Hospi

Front View of Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children Dedicated Today



Birdseye View of Progress of Work on Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children

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INGFIELD DAILY REPUBLICAN: WEDNESDAY,

Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children to Be Homelike Place For Repair of Deformed Bodies

Mrs Frank Page of Longmeadow Tells of Wonderful Work Done at San Francisco Unit—Happy Atmosphere Maintained Despite Trouble of Little Ones

Mrs Frank H. Page of Longmeadow, recently returned from the West where she had an opportunity to inspect the Shriners' hospital for crippled children in operation at San Francisco, is enthusiastic over the work being done there. She has heard much of the movement after the decision was made to locate the New England unit in Springfield, and was eager to visit the San Francisco unit, though she says she had many preconceived ideas at wide variance with the facts. She expected grewsome sights and pitiful helplessness, and agony. She found all these to be sure but in such an atmosphere of hope and cheer and happiness, that she entirely forgot the pitiful side.

In the boys' ward she surprised a regular pillow fight—the boys couldn't leave their beds, and some of them coldn't move much, but they were clambering about, laughing and shouting, and keeping the pillows flying. Mrs Page was delighted also with the detention ward, where the little patients newly admitted are kept apart, each in a separate glass pen, until it is certain they are bringing no contagious diseases into the hospital. Visitors are not permitted to bring gifts of any sort to the individual patients, but may deliver what they will to the hospital authorities for impartial distribution. Mrs Page says there was no favoritism, but—one little rosy cheeked, curly-headed two-year-old was there to have two badly clubbed feet straightened around, "and if he wasn't a regular boy, eager for attention, showing off, never still,—he won all their hearts."

Accomplishments of Gymnasium

The gymnasium, with its odd apparatus at first gave her an eerie feeling; but the gymnasium is really an important item in the rebuilding of the children, after the framework of twisted bones has been straightened and buttressed. The children have regular hours for gym, and are encouraged to go at the work rough and tumble, under careful supervision, but some of them are woefully "new" and awkward. Muscles which have not been used for years have to be brought out and exercised and nourished back to a parity with the rest of the little bodies. And at other hours, if they weren't skylarking, they were doing something definite, never left idle, boys and girls might be weighted down or strapped up or anchored with heavy casts, but they would be busily making trays or reed baskets or drawing anything to keep them occupied.

When Mrs Page reached the hospital it was not a visiting day, but when she explained how interested she was in the Springfield unit and its possibilities, a group of women just leaving the hospital arranged for her to make a complete inspection. The group of women proved to be a subcommittee of the women's auxiliary of the San Francisco Shriners hospital and their wholeheadted work interested Mrs Page nearly as much as the mischievous little patients themselves. This women's auxiliary was originally a little group of wives and daughters of Shriners, who called frequently to cheer up the youngsters, but the group grew and the scope of its work grew to such an extent that a well-planned organization proved necessary. The auxiliary was divided into sections; one for sewing on definite days, one to provide children's games and toys, one to provide occupational devices, another books, and still another to look after instruction, and so on

Advice to Women

The recollection of this active work leads Mrs Page to make some constructive suggestions to the women of Springfield. She approves the idea of a women's auxiliary which from the first should include all women sincerely interested in helping, regardless of whether they happen to be related to Shriners or not; she would carefully subdivide the work to be done, and let each woman choose that work which best suited her. She would positively include the younger women, even young girls; and here again she emphasized the point that the patients are not glum little sufferers, but happy, laughing children, delighted that they are to have straight arms, and legs, and backs. Warning that of course all this must be done under the supervision and with the approval of the hospital staff, whose orders must be absolute; Mrs Page suggested that under proper leadership many women's organizations would be delighted at the chance to help in the work.

Hospital Happy Place

And she commented that the work of the hospitals is so worth while Not mere asylums for the helpless and the forlorn; but aggressive repair stations of broken bits of humanity. Each patient is admitted only if, after examination, the doctors believe there is definite hope of improvement. Then comes active work of restoring to his proper place in the scheme of life the child, through his deformity, would otherwise be condemned to live an unhappy, dependent, useless cripple. The chain of hospitals is lengthening and more and more little ones under a heavy shadow will be brought out into the sunlight, but Mrs Page sighs and wishes the work might include the children of parents partly able to pay. The Shrine will take in only those whose parents are in such circumstances that they cannot afford to help their children and the imperial trustees estimate that there are nearly 450,000 such children who could be helped by orthopedic surgery. The children will have the best that science and solicitude can provide; but the expense of orthopedic surgery is great, because of the long time a patient must remain under the care and observation of trained doctors and surgeons, and frequently must undergo several operations. And all this suffering is right here all about us. Mrs Page agrees with the Shrine hospitals that charity in this case rightly begins at home.

Governor and Imperial Potentate to Help Lay Shrine Cornerstone

Cox and Dykeman to Be Guests of Honor of Melha Temple at Big Ceremony Next Monday.

Governor Channing H. Cox will be the guest of honor of Melha Temple at the laying of the cornerstone of the Springfield unit of Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children Monday. Following the ceremonies, under direction of Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell, grand master of Masons in Massachusetts, the Governor, who is a Shriner, will address the assemblage. After the cornerstone exercises and the gala ceremonial at Eastern States Exposition grounds the Governor will be personal guest of Henry L. Bowles, a member of the local hospital building committee.

Noble Dudley Glass of Atlanta, director of publicity for the imperial trustees of the Shriners' Hospitals will attend as the guest of John Torrey Hawkins, a member of the local publicity committee.

Imperial Potentate Conrad V. Dykeman of Brooklyn and Mrs. Dykeman will be entertained by Past Potentate Fred R. Brown, a member of the local building committee.

Will Make Official Visits.

Imperial Potentate Dykeman is to make an official visitation to Cyprus Temple of Albany tomorrow, when Noble George M. Hendee will explain to the Albany Nobles the scope of the hospital work. The imperial potentate will visit Sphinx Temple in Hartford Saturday. Potentate Charles F. Watson, accompanied by his officers and

CONRAD V. DYKEMAN
Who Will Be in Springfield for Hospital Ceremonies.

the members of the local building committee, will meet Noble Dykeman and many of the members of the Imperial Board of Hospital Trustees in Hartford at this ceremonial and escort them to Springfield for the ceremonies here Monday. On Thursday Imperial Potentate Dykeman will lay the cornerstone of the seventh hospital at Montreal and then will proceed to St. Louis for the dedication of the Shriners' Hospital there, which was opened to patients early in April. He will attend the annual convention in Kansas City June 4, 5 and 6.

Noble Hendee, chairman of the building committee of the New England unit, held a meeting of his subchairman yesterday to complete arrangements for the cornerstone laying.

As chairman of the committee on invitations, Noble Hendee announced that he had found about 100 Shriners among the delegates to the Methodist convention, and had extended invitations to them to attend. Among the Methodists he also found that there are eight 33d degree Masons, four of them bishops.

Assistant Rabban John A. Webster reported arrangements completed for the parade, to form at 1.15 o'clock. As marshal, he has placed Lawrence D. Burlingame, vice-president of the Directors' Association, in charge of the division comprising the non-uniformed nobles. Every Shriner in Springfield Monday is requested to report at 1.15 o'clock at the Melha Temple club house in Worthington Street, to take part in the parade, and is requested to wear the uniform of a Shriner; full evening dress with black vest.

145 Distinguished Guests.

Col. Lindley D. Hubbell, chairman of police committee, has a real task. Past Potentate Fred R. Brown, who has arranged for a luncheon at the Worthy and a dinner at the Nayasset Club, informed him that 145 distinguished guests have accepted invitations. Col. Hubbell's task is to provide a right of way to the Worthy for automobiles to take on these guests, and to clear a sufficient length of Worthington Street for them to get into parade formation.

Noble Bernie L. Sammis, president of the Melha Automobile Club reported that the Springfield Automobile Dealers' Association has offered 38 cars for the use of the Temple. Twenty-five cars have been turned over by the members of the Melha Automobile Club. About 40 of these cars will appear in the parade carrying the visitors, led by the Governor and Imperial Potentate. Dykeman, the Imperial divan, and the imperial board of trustees. Noble Walter S. Pease will put his decorated car at the disposal of Chief Director Charles H. Rand of Holyoke, assistant marshal, and the police committee, Col. Lindley D. Hubbell, chairman, and Chief Marshal A. Belmer of West Springfield, and Noble C. S. Potter.

Shriners in uniform will appear as follows: 150 representing Pyramid Temple, Bridgeport; 110 from Sphinx Temple of Hartford, and 160 from Melha Temple, Springfield. There will be more than 150 candidates in line, according to Potentate Charles F. Watson.

The transportation tangle is being unraveled for both Shriners and public by Arthur H. Wentworth, Herbert M. Flanders and Everett L. Putnam. Their first task is to get 422 uniformed men and 150 candidates from the hospital site to the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield.

Plans Going Forward.

Noble Ernest F. Carlson, whose firm is building the hospital, is busily erecting platforms, laying planking, roping off various areas and arranging to seat the guests. Noble Oscar H. Bucholz is arranging the decorations.

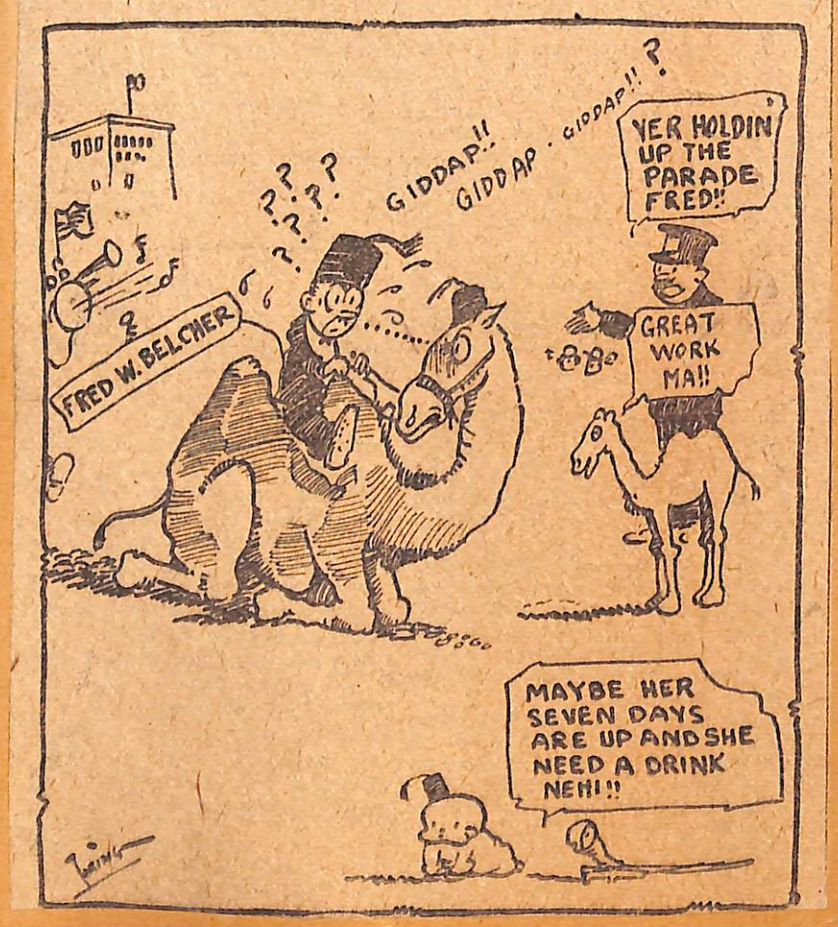
Past Potentate Fred C. Smith has arranged ample hotel accommodations, and Past Potentate Fred A. Eldred reported engaging Stevens' band of 40 pieces, and the contribution of the use of a piano by Noble Nedd W. Brown. Past Potentate Harry W. Caswell reported a few minor changes in the general program.

Charles A. Frazer, chief rabban and chairman of the publicity committee, assigned Noble Oscar D. Dillman to look out for photographers and movie men.

Progress on the actual building of the hospital continues, and at the present pace the buildings will be completed considerably ahead of the contract date, Nov. 1.

Chief Director Rand announces the directors' association is prepared for its part in the gala ceremonial in the evening. Potentate Watson states that quick lunches or dinners may be secured by the nobles at the Eastern States Exposition grounds from caterers to whom the concession has been let.

If Looks Could Kill — *By Loring*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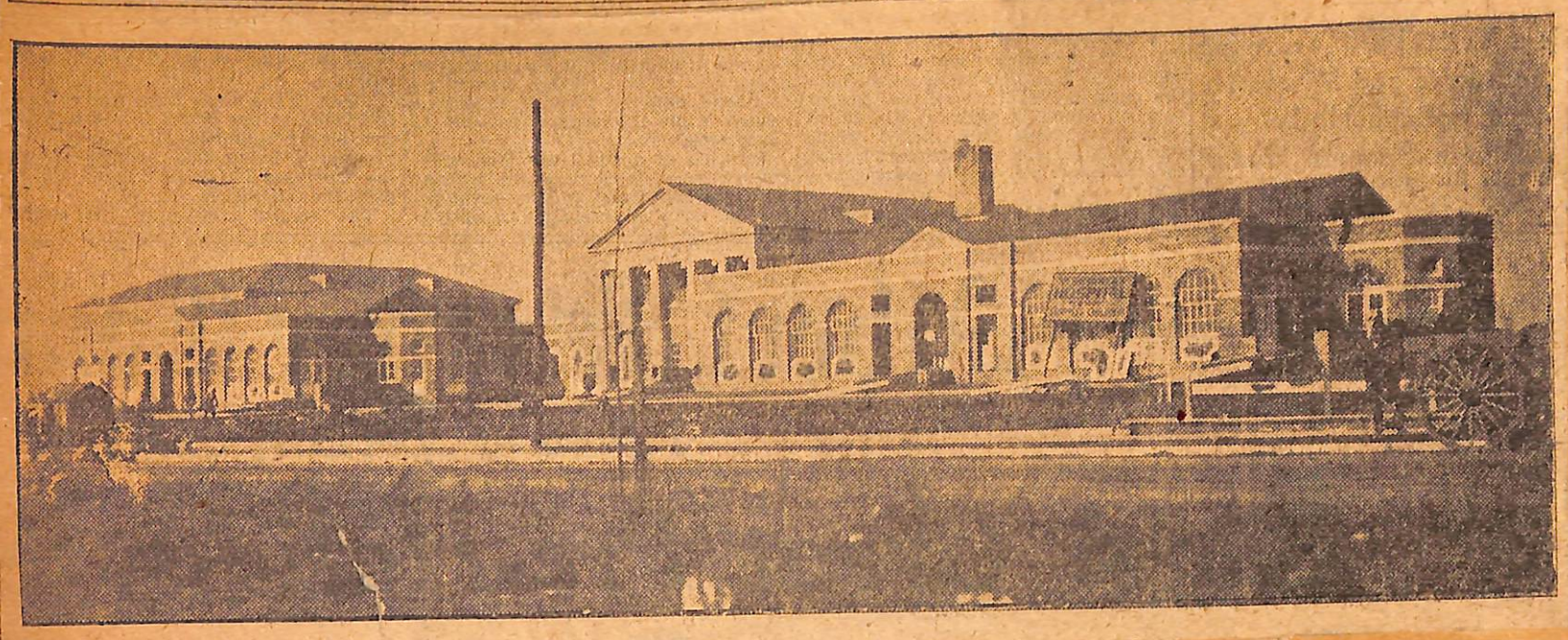
Shrine Hospital Rapidly Approaching Completion



NEW HOSPITAL APPROACHING COMPLETION

Buildings for Care of Crippled Children to Be Ready for Use at New Year.

With exterior construction and outside concrete work completed and the grading well along, the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Carew Street already makes an impressive and unified appearance, although it will not be ready for occupancy until about the first of January.

Curving driveways lead up to the imposing white columns of the administration building, the central unit. Connected with this are the east and west wards, and on the western side, the isolation building and the nurses' home. Cement ramps slope gently up to the ward entrance and to the doors of the isolation building, for most of the little patients will have to do their traveling in wheel chairs.

A large force of men is now concentrating on the grading which will probably be finished in two weeks. Once that is done, the handsome building will dominate an ideal site with no inharmonious details to sidetrack attention.

The interior of the hospital has also reached an advanced stage and a busy group there is occupied with pushing it straight ahead to the finish. Work on the floors, doors and windows is nearly done, the rough plumbing is cared for and the electrical system will be ready as soon as the fixtures are placed. Storage shelves have been built, refrigerators occupy their corner in the big kitchen, even the blanket warmers are properly installed. The walls are a dazzling white except in one ward, where the work of tinting them a pale buff has begun.

In all nearly 150 men are now on the job under the direction of Stuart Robbins, superintendent of construction. It is a little more than a year since the E. F. Carlson Company started the work.

RINGFIELD UNION: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1923

Kiwanis to Give Large Sum to Shrine Hospital for Equipment

Fund of $5000 Will Be Raised—Expected Big Benefit Show Early in Spring Will Yield Good Share of Money—Plans Under Way.

The Kiwanis Club has agreed to contribute $5000 toward the equipment of the new Shrine children's hospital to be erected in this city and to be carried on wholly for charitable purposes. The club has been deeply interested in a children's institution of this kind for some time and when it looked several months back, as if the Shrine hospital might not be located here, there was serious discussion of having the Kiwanians themselves, open such a hospital here. This movement died out when the Shrine officials selected Springfield, but the Kiwanians will be able to help materially in their gift toward equipment.

It is expected that a large share of the $5000 fund will be raised by a big Kiwanis show to be given next spring. It is understood that Robert C. Pepper and Robert F. Day, who were mainly responsible for the big success of Griddle Club shows several years ago, will be in charge of the Kiwanis event, and that it will probably be put on at Court Square Theater, being the most elaborate entertainment of its kind staged here in a long time.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., TUESDAY, OBER 21, 1924.

Council Appropriates $36,0[illegible] for Playground Near Shrine Hospital

Springfield officially contributed its mite to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children last night when the City Council, under suspension of rules, passed an order appropriating $36,000 for the purchase of a strip of land on the opposite side of Carew Street for playground purposes. This order carried the approval of the committee on finance, and was passed only after a committee of Shriners had explained the project to the Council in informal session.

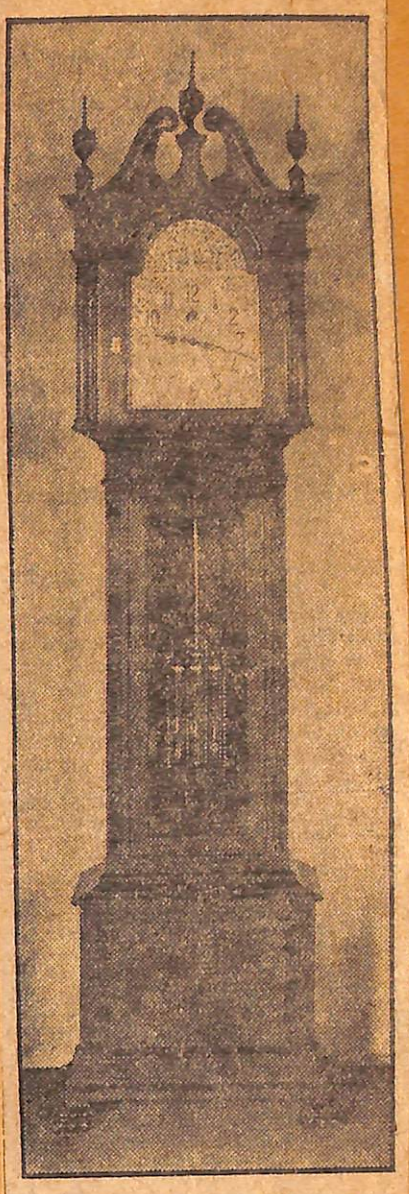
As explained by George M. Hendee, who obtained all figures and agreements with the property owners, the city would receive 39 building lots with a frontage on Carew Street of 850 feet and a depth of 250 feet, which could be used for playground purposes, and which would serve to give the children confined to the hospital for treatment an unobstructed view of the city.

Not only will the city get the property for $36,000, but the owners of the adjoining property have placed restrictions upon it so that for at least 20 years there will be no building erected behind the playground which will extend higher than the piazza of the hospital, Mr. Hendee told the city officials. Other members of the Shrine committee were Harry G. Fisk, Charles A. Frazer, A. H. Phillips, Char[illegible]s F. Watson and Fred R. Brown.

The land, which the city is to buy under the order, extends from the two-family houses to a point 850 feet east, and Mayor Leonard in discussing the question said it would "be a shame to allow two-family houses to hide the view of the city from the hospital."

Mr. Hendee explained that when completed the hospital will cost $400,000, and will be the best of the group of 13 such hospitals the Shriners are erecting in North America. He explained the remarkable cures being affected in other hospitals already built by the organization. The Mayo heirs, from whom the land is to be purchased, each gave $1000, thus cutting the cost from $39,000 to $36,000.

Clock to Be Installed in Shrine Hospital Will Be Placed on Exhibition



The exhibit of the Standard Electric Time Company at the Western Masachusetts Advertising and Industrial Exposition, to be held in the Auditorium Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, will be an interesting display of the most modern electric time keeping equipment used in schools, industrial establishments, hospitals, etc. The outsanding feature of the exhibit will be a beautiful, special ball type master clock finished in mahogany. This clock is a part of the system to be installed shortly in the local Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, the complete time equipment for which is being furnished by the Automobile Dealers Association of the city.

Another interesting feature of the time company's exhibit will be the automatic program clock. This is a device by which the program bells are automatically rung on any predetermined schedule and are also automatically silenced nights, Saturdays, Sundays or any other period desired, or changed automatically from one program to another. The most up-to-date form of time keeping equipment for factories is shown in operation.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1924

(Photo by The Republican Staff Photographer.)

The new Shrine hospital for poor, crippled children, on Carew street hill, is almost ready to care for its prospective patients. It will only be a matter of days now before the tots will be taking their sun baths and gaining strength for possible future operations to make them healthy normal boys and girls.

Past Potentate J. Harry Lewis, of Osman temple, St Paul, Minn., editor-in-chief of "The Crescent," the official organ of the Shrine, yesterday made an inspection of the new Shrine hospital, as the guest of George M. Hendee, Potentate Charles F. Watson and Chief Rabban Charles A. Fraser of Melha temple. Mr Lewis, who is making an inspection of every Shrine hospital, was amazed at the modern equipment provided for the crippled children.

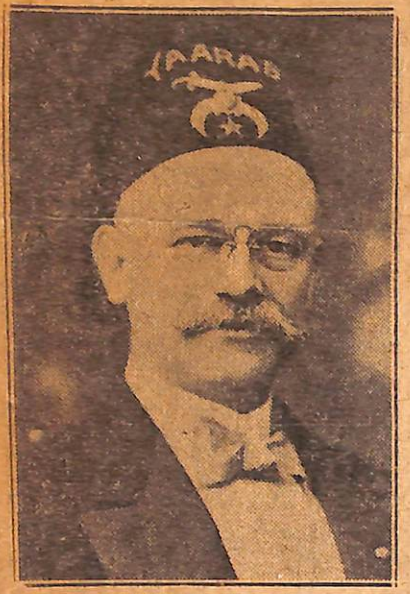
He ex[illegible]mself as especially pleased with the bathrooms which are equipped with apparatus never before seen in any hospital in the country. This apparatus consists of a marble slab, so low that it can be used as a table on which to lay the small children.

The Shrine hopes and expects to be able to care for crippled children early next month. No definite date has been set for the admission of children but the actual dedication will not take place until May when Shrine chapters will be in this city from every city and town in the state.

When the inspection was over Mr Hendee took the party to the Colony club for lunch. Mr Lewis left yesterday afternoon for Montreal where he will visit the Shrine hospital under construction.

Prominent at Shrine Hospital Exercises

May 26, 1924



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Member of Hospital Board of Trustees.

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Imperial Potentate of the Shrine.

REV. DUDLEY H. FERRELL
Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts.

W. F. KENDRICK
Mayor of Philadelphia and on Shrine Hospital Board.

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CHARLES A. FRAZER
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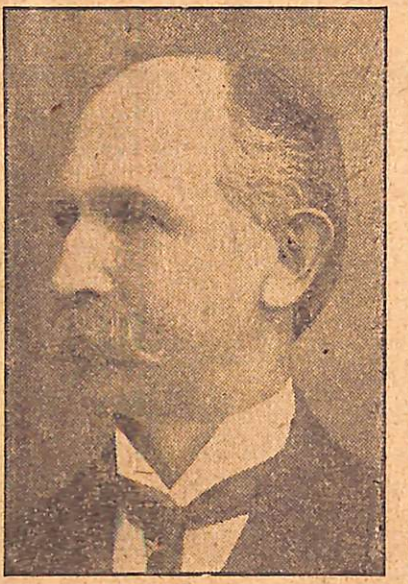
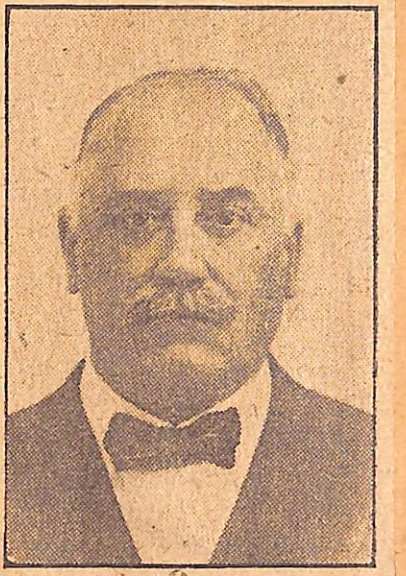
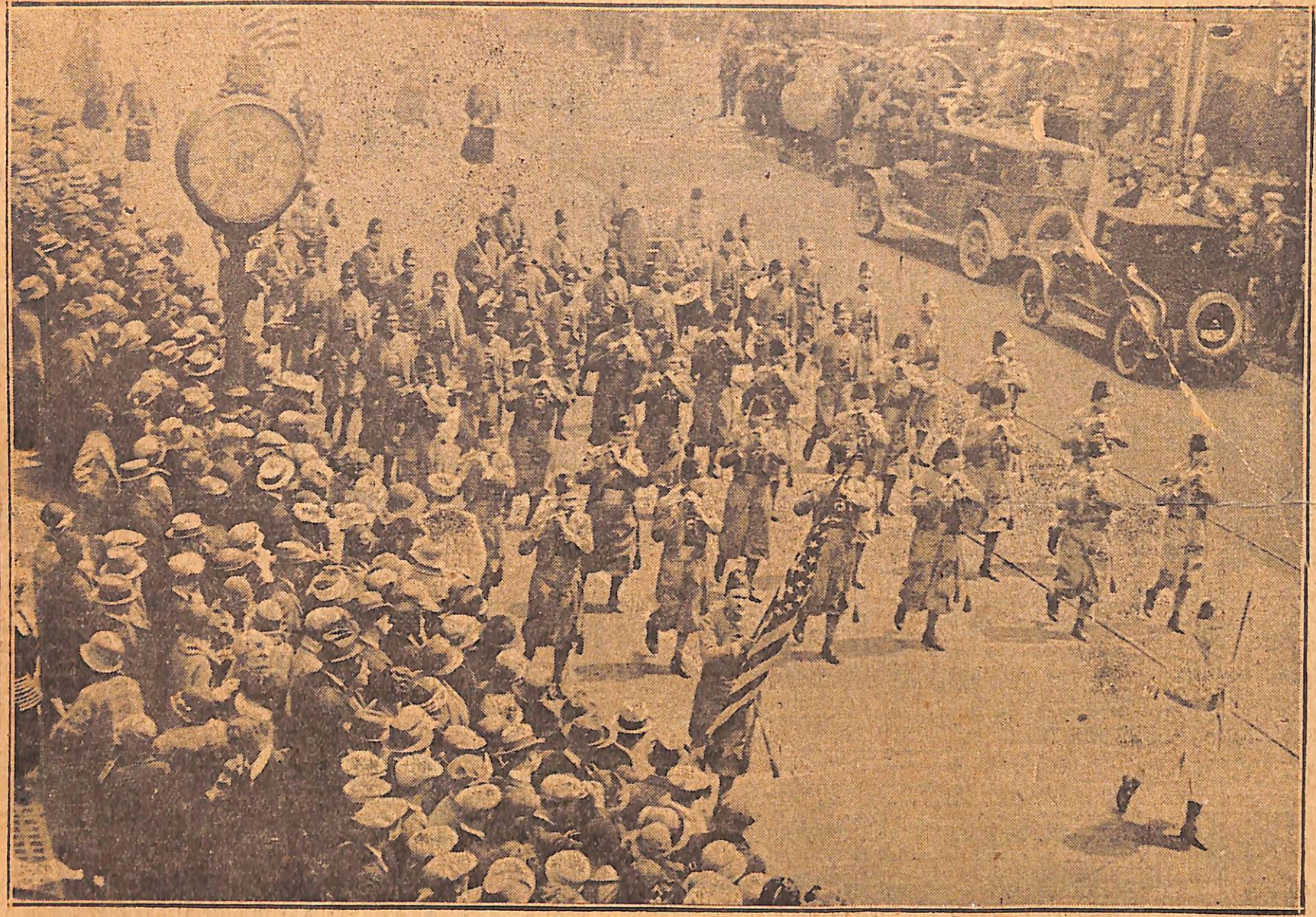


CHARLES A. CHAPMAN
On Committee in Charge of Cornerstone Laying.



GEORGE M. HENDEE
Chairman of Local Shrine Committee.



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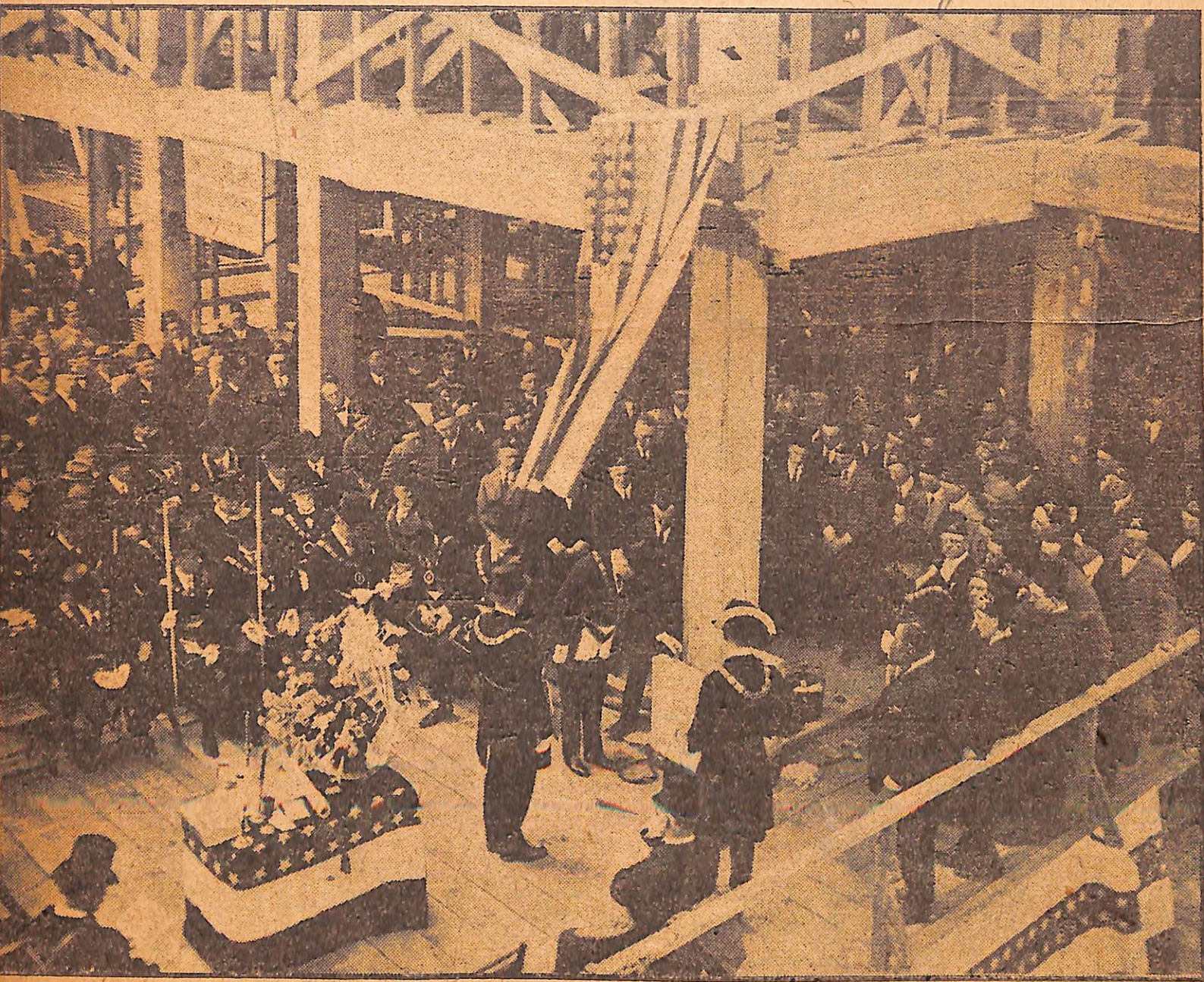
Brilliant Parade Precedes Exercises at Hospital Site

housands watch evolutions of gaily-clad visitors as they follow camel through city streets. Photo taken apart of procession was passing Third National bank building on Main street. (Republican Staff Photographer.)

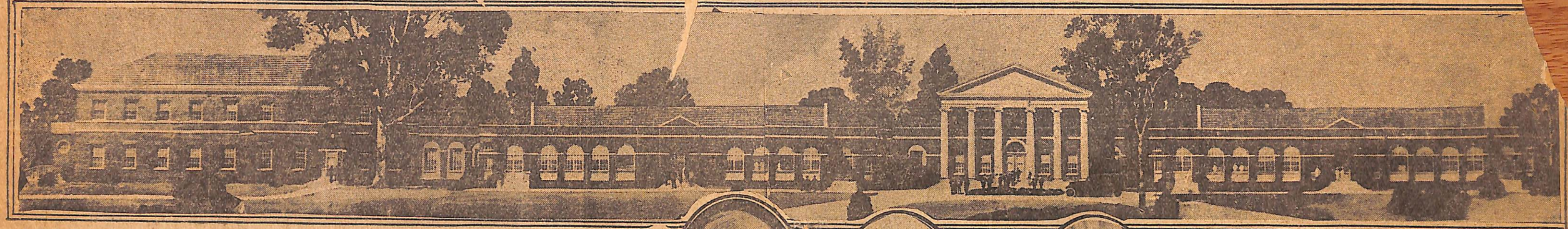
LEVELING THE CORNERSTONE OF THE SHRINERS' HOSPITAL

May 27, 1924



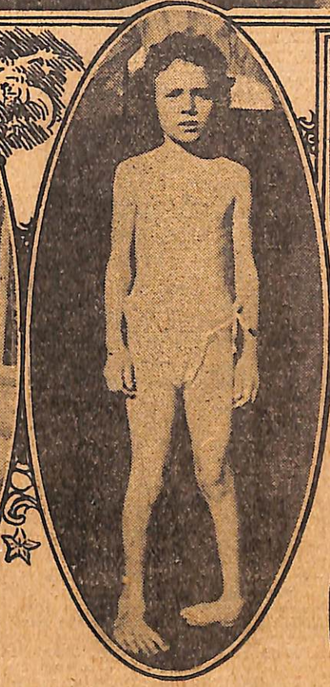
Senior Grand Warden Stephen C. Luce trying the cornerstone with the level. In the foreground with his back turned is Dudley H. Ferrell, grand master of the Masons of Massachusetts, who a few minutes before had laid the stone. At the left is Junior Grand Warden Edward M. Woodward, about to try the stone with the plumb. The stone previously had been tried with the square by Deputy Grand Master Frank L. Simpson. At the left of the picture are seated members of the Grand Lodge.

Work Starts Soon Here On Shriners' Hospital For Crippled Chi

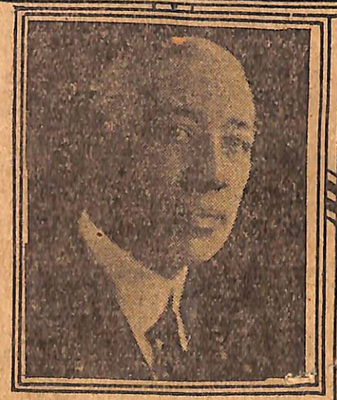


Architect's drawing of Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children to be located at top of Carew-street hill. Beautiful building willl serve all New England.

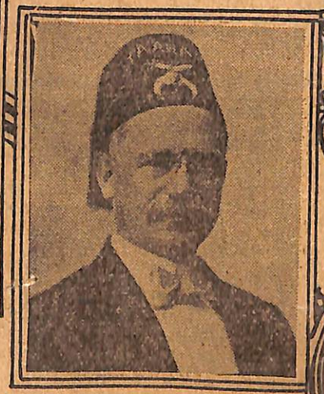
Panorama of city which will be visible from hospital site



Harry H. Caswell of Spring potentate, Melha temple.



W. Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia, past imperial potentate, Mystic Shrine.



Above: Dr Michael Hoke of Atlanta, secretary orthopedic staff, Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

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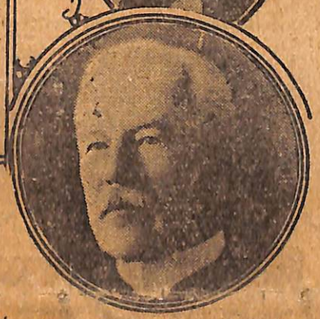

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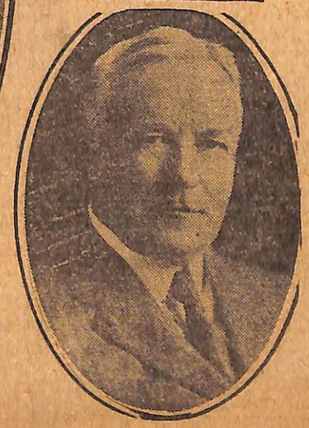

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Melha Temple
Charles F. Watson
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Please reply before May 18th

Dedication Exercises

Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children

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to

Special Reserved Seat

Friday, May 15th, 1925

at high noon

Please be in your seat at 11.30 A. M.

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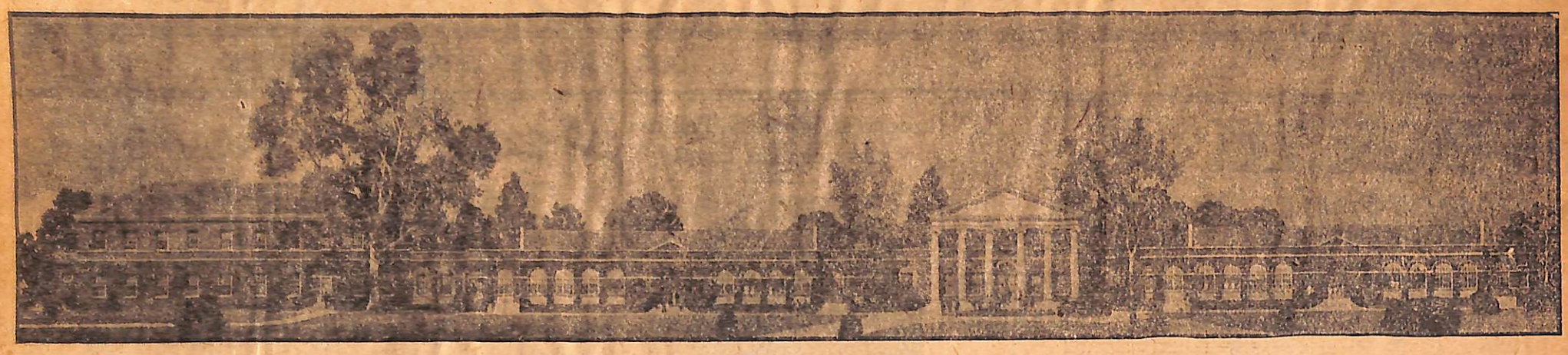
Splendid Work for the Relief of Crippled Children—Anah Temple Sends One of the First Dozen Patients



GENERAL VIEW OF SHRINERS' HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, recently completed in Springfield, Mass., began its active career on Saturday last, when, with the simplest of ceremonies, the buildings was turned over to the local board of governors and 12 little suffers gathered from all parts of New England and eastern New York were admitted as the hospital's first patients.

In accordance with the wishes of the hospital and Shrine officials, there was no large gathering to witness this interesting event, in order that the little patients might be relieved from all embarrassment.

Bangor and Brewer had an especial interest in this event, from the fact that the first patient from the jurisdiction of Anah Temple of Bangor came from Brewer, five years old Ernest Violette of South Brewer, son of Albert Violette, who was accompanied to Springfield by his father and Illustrious Potentate Edward W. Woodbury of the local temple.

Ernest, of Brewer, Me., as he will be known in the hospital, and the other little patients accepted their new surroundings cheerfully, Ernest being the life of the party. He responded instantly when anyone said "hello" to him, asked many questions and made many quaint comments. He was especially anxious to visit his fellow patients, but when told that this was against the rules of the hospital he quickly desisted.

The Springfield hospital, which was built at a cost of $500,000, is the seventh operated by the Mystic Shrine, and will accommodate 60 patients. It is a spacious structure overlooking the city and is so constructed that even the corridors have a flood of sunlight. The main floor is given to two large wards, containing 50 beds, one on the west for the younger children and babies and one on the east for the older children. Both wards are sub-divided into semi-isolation rooms or cubicles, a convalescent room and a central room where the nurse in charge may survey her entire domain and keep in close touch at all times with those children who have undergone operations and need careful attention.

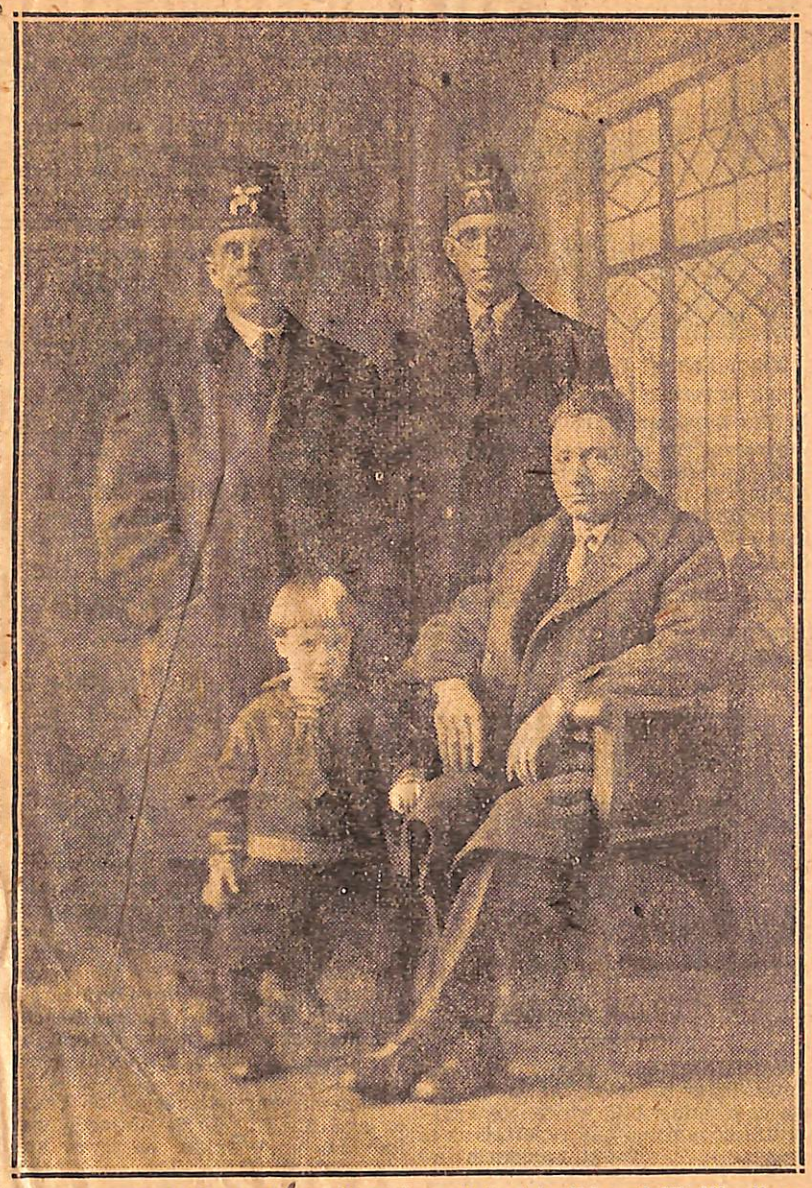
In both wings there are large rooms which will be devoted to play. In the west wing is a smaller room to be known as the orthopedic gymnasium. Even a crippled child must have his exercise, for exercise of the proper sort will play a large part in the rebuilding of tired muscles. Especially made gym apparatus will be installed in this room.

In the ward for younger children the high walls have been frescoed with pictures of Mother Goose characters, Jack and Jill climb a hill to the ceiling. The Old Woman Who Lives in a Shoe covers one entire wall, while Henny Penny and Jack Horner and innumerable other characters dear to the hearts of kindergartners, frolic above the row of beds.

This is but one instance of the way in which the entire building has been adapted to the special needs of children. Gradually sloping ramps lead from each outside exit to the sidewalks so that children on crutches, children in braces and those less fortunate who will preambulate in wheel chairs, may go out and in without difficulty. And to the rear of the big building stretches a sizeable playground which is part of the hospital property and will prevent the building of other structures so close as to shut out sunshine.

The crippled children are to be in the hands of a genial and capable staff, headed by Dr. R. Nelson Hatt, a native of Paris, Me. Dr. Hatt was formerly surgeon of the Hawaiian mobile unit and is 35 years of age. James S. McDonald, brace maker, who was Dr. Hatt's right hand man in Honolulu, will continue in that capacity in the Springfield hospital, and Miss Harriet McCollum, a graduate nurse, will be superintendent of the house, and will have a staff of 16 nurses under her direction.

The event at Springfield on Saturday last was both interesting and auspicious, for it marked the beginning in New England of one of the greatest and most unselfish charities even inaugurated in the history of the world. And so it seemed to the small company of men and women who were priviliged to be present. Their hearts went out to the little unfortunates whose twisted and distorted limbs were resuonsible for their presence, but their hearts were also glad for these younghters when they considered what remarkable corrections have been made in the cases of hundreds of other children similarly afflicted and who have already reaped the benefits offered by other Shriners' hospitals built and put into operation by the 600,000 Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of the United States and Canada during the past four years.



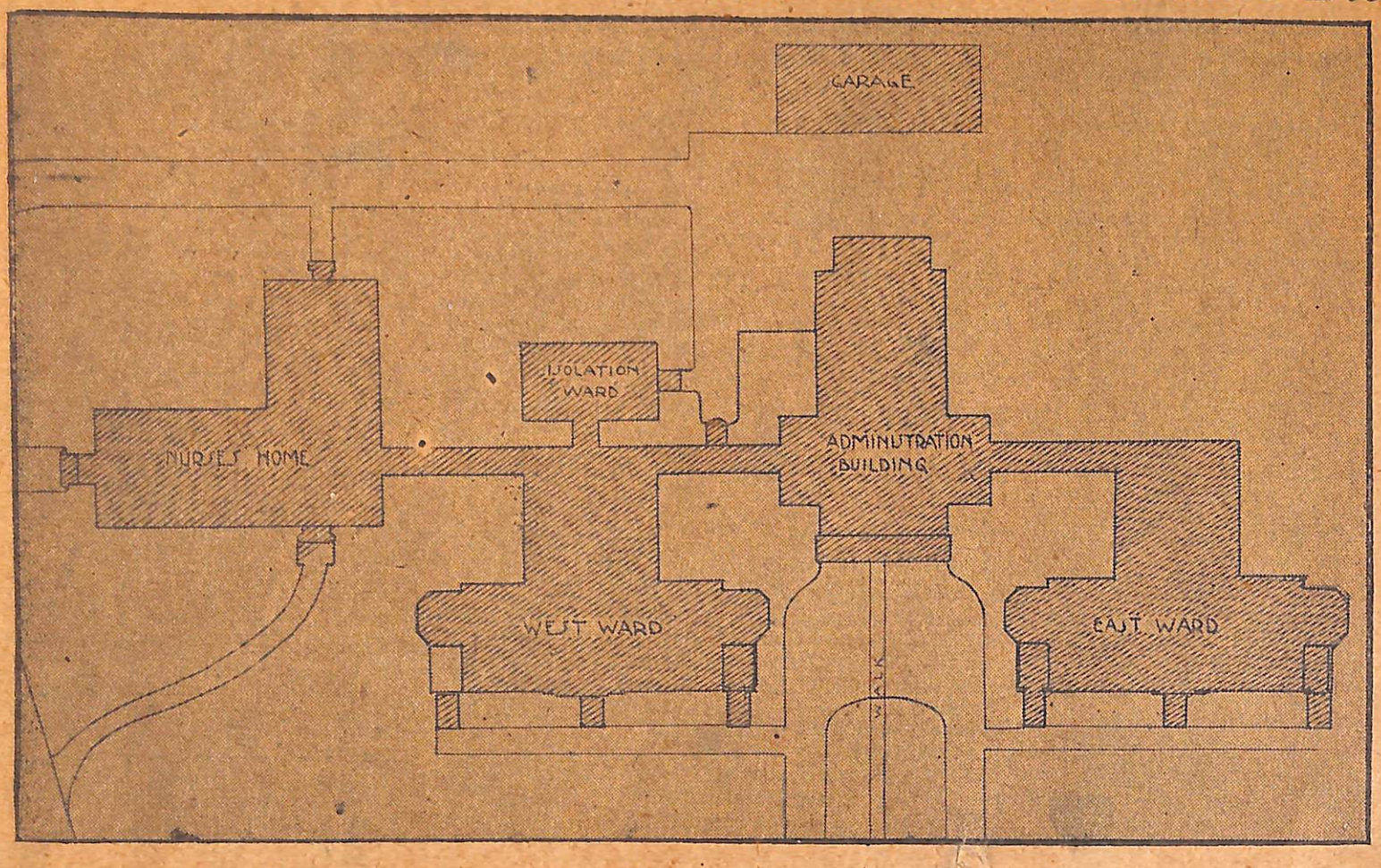
Back row, left to right—Illustrious Potentate Edward W. Woodbury and Chief Rabban Clarence Reynolds of Anah Teple, Bangor.

Front row, left to right—Ernest Violette and his father, Albert Violette, of South Brewer.

Bangor Daily News

February 26, 1925

Detailed Plans for Shrine Hospital Arrive And Contractors Are Asked to Submit Bids



Plans of the hospital for crippled children to be erected by the Shriners on Carew-street hill were sent out yesterday to a number of general contractors with the request that bids be in by December 18. The bids asked are only on the actual construction of the buildings, and not on wiring, heating and road building.

The plans call for an administration building, two ward buildings, a nurses' home and a garage. The first four are to be joined together by passageways. The garage will be situated at the rear and on a slightly lower elevation than the other buildings. Graveled walks and drives, with flower beds and lawns separating them will lead to the hospital from both Carew street and Melha avenue, the projected thoroughfare on the west.

Associate Architect M. H. Westhoff received the plans yesterday fom the architects, Heintz, Reid and Adler of Atlanta, Ga. He immediately went into conference with George M. Hendee and Harry H. Caswell, chairman and vice-chairman of the Melha building committee.

The hospital will face Carew street, with the administration building, which also will house the operating rooms and laundry as the center of the group. This structure will be two stories high, 73 feet wide with a depth of about 103 feet. Joined on either side by passageways, about 42 feet long, will be the ward buildings, each one story in hight and having frontage of 110 feet and a depth of 86 feet at their longest point. On either end will be large sun parlors and in the rear an isolation ward.

To the west, also joined to the rest of the group, will be the nurses' home. This will be an ell-shaped building, two stories high, nearly 100 feet long on the front and about 84 feet deep on its longest side. The garage at the rear will be 85 feet long and 25 deep. The length of the whole group facing on Carew street will be nearly 450 feet.

The exterior construction will be of light-faced brick. The passageways will be made almost wholly of glass and glass will be used as much as possible throughout the entire structure. The committee in charge of the building is desirous that no time be lost in placing the bids, as it is considered practicable to get the actual construction underway as soon as possible.

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Although no one has yet been selected as chief surgeon for the hospital, Mr. Cochran said last night that the chances were that no local man would be chosen. The men at the head of the work are chosen for their ability in orthopedic work and the special training that they have had and it is not considered advisable to use men who live in the communities in which the hospitals are located. The entire staff of surgeons, nurses and helpers will number about 20.

Building Committee Formed.

The building committee named at the meeting last night consists of George M. Hendee, chairman; Harry H. Caswell, vice-chairman, Charles A. Frazier, secretary and treasurer; Alvin H. Phillips and Henry L. Bowles. Fred Brown also was present at the meeting, as was Hal F. Hentz of Atlanta, Ga., who is consulting architect for the Shriners' Hospitals and will act with M. H. Westhoff, who has been chosen from among the local architects to draw up the plans.

The site, which is part of the Stebbins and Chapin estate, is to be given by Melha Temple, at a cost of $26,000, the price having been cut from $36,000 when the owners found the nature of the work to be done there. The complete fireproofing of the building is to be secured at a cost of $35,000 over the figure for a less safe structure.

Remarkable work has been done in the Shriners' hospitals already in operation. Children who seemed doomed to a hopelessly crippled existence have been restored to health and happiness through them. Pictures produced at last night's meeting gave abundant testimony of the results of the treatments given. The work of the hospitals is confined to correction of deformities. Ordinary cases of sickness are not treated except in cases in which they appear after a child has been admitted for bone treatments.

There will be absolutely no call upon the people of Springfield for donations, either directly or through the Community Chest. It has been found, however, that in the other cities in which the work is being done, numerous people have come forward to offer free services. Physicians have offered to help care for cases that come within the province of medicine, dentists to care for the teeth of the children, barbers have been asked to cut their hair without charge and in general an attitude of helpfulness prevailed. Persons so wishing to help have been organized into special staffs and their contributions have been considerable.

Governors to Be Chosen.

When the hospital has been thoroughly organized a board of seven governors will be chosen to act along with the reigning potentate of Melha Temple in directing the affairs of the institution. It was said last night that the members of the present building committee would probably be asked to serve on this board. These men have shown an active interest in the work and have made many trips to various parts of the country in connection with their effort to bring the hospital here, and Mr. Hendee declared that he intends to go to Atlanta to study the workings of the Scottish Rite Hospital there, which he has already visited.

The board of trustees of the national organization consists of Mr. Cochran, chairman; W. Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia, vice-chairman; Forrest Adair of Atlanta, secretary; Bishop Frederic W. Keator of Tacoma, Wash.; Dr. Oscar M. Landstrum of Helena, Mont.; John M. McGilvray of San Francisco, and Arthur W. Chapman of Winnipeg. The advisory board of orthopedic surgeons is composed of Dr. Robert B. Osgood of Boston, chairman; Dr. Michael Hoke of Atlanta, secretary; Dr. Edwin W. Ryerson of Chicago, Dr. W. Edward Gallie of Toronto, and Dr. John C. Wilson of Los Angeles.

SHRINERS VOTE TO ESTABLISH HOSPITAL HERE

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FEBRUARY 15, 1924

Women to Aid Shrine Hospital

Civic Club Parties to Yield Funds for Equipment.

The Springfield Women's Civic Club at a meeting held in Vocational School yesterday afternoon voted to raise not less than $100 toward the equipment of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. Funds will be raised by a series of musicals, teas, literary reviews, travel lectures and other afternoon functions. The form of the gift will be determined upon after a conference between club officials and the building committee of the hospital.

Arrangements for the affairs are in the hands of the social committee of the Civic Club, which consists of Mrs. C. C. Merridith, chairman, Mrs. H. H. Curtis, Mrs. G. E. Graham, Mrs. William H. Scherer, Mrs. W. W. Plimpton, Mrs. W. N. Titcomb and Mrs. E. C. Eldridge. The first party will be in the home of Mrs. H. H. Curtis, 4 Lafayette Street, next Wednesday, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Curtis will tell of her European trip last summer, illustrating her talk with articles which she brought home, and tea will be served.

MARCH 8, 1924

Shrine Events to Be Combined

Hospital Cornerstone Laying and Spring Ceremonial May 26.

In order that the laying of the cornerstone of the New England Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children will be one of the biggest events in the history of Shrinedom in New England, Melha Temple, the Springfield temple of Shriners, has decided to have its spring ceremonial on the same day that the cornerstone is laid, May 26.

The ceremonial in connection with the laying of the cornerstone will be so large, and so many thousands of Shriners are expected to come to Springfield and witness it, that the Auditorium, where Shrine ceremonials have previously been held, will be entirely inadequate and consequently the ceremonial will take place in the Coliseum of the Eastern States Exposition.

All New England temples of Shriners will be represented by large numbers and efforts are now being made to have all the potentates of temples in the Northeastern quarter of the United States attend the ceremony and in part officiate. Imperial Potentate Conrad B. Dykeman will be present, in fact, the date chosen was fixed for his convenience, as that was the only date that the imperial potentate of all the Shriners could give. Imperial Trustee Forrest Adair, father of the Shrine hospital movement, will be one of the principal guests.

MARCH 9, 1924

GARDEN MART COMES IN JUNE

Springfield Club Preparing Landscape Layout for Shrine Hospital.

The Garden Club has completed its program for the remainder of the year and announces a list of lectures, garden reviews, and inspection tours of famous gardens in this vicinity which denote a series of exceedingly interesting meetings.

The next lecture will be on March 20 when C. Halsey Spencer will talk on "Gladioli" in lower Library Hall, the meeting to be preceded by a short business session.

April 3, Thomas H. Desmond will talk on "Design of the Small Garden." From April 20 to 26 national garden week will be observed by the local club, plans already being underway for special programs. May 10, the club members will visit several well known gardens in Amherst.

During the first week in June the Garden Mart will be held on the grounds of the home of Mrs. Alfred H. Chapin of Crescent Hill. On June 14, the Springfielfd Garden Club will be host to the Amherst Garden Club and gardens in Springfield and Longmeadow will be visited.

The flower show will be held on June 19, 20 in lower Library Hall and on June 28 the club will visit Elizabeth Park and other well known gardens in Hartford.

During the first week in July, the Lenox Flower Show is scheduled and members of the local club will attend. On July 26, the club will visit the estate of William and F. T. Maxwell in Rockwell, Conn.

The August program will include the gladioli show at the city library, August 7 and 8 and on Aug. 16, a visit to the gardens on Northampton Avenue, Holyoke.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hendee of Suffield will entertain the club in their gardens on an early date in September and in mid-month, the fall flower show will be held the place to be announced later. Sept. 20, Fletcher will address the club on "Sculputure in Garden and Landscape Architecture," in upper Library Hall.

The business meeting on Oct. 16 will be followed by a lecture by Charlotte

GARDEN CLUB

By FRANCES WARFIELD.

THERE is laughter of children in the plans for the annual Garden Mart which are being rapidly carried forward by the members of the Springfield Garden Club—laughter of children to whom will be given childhood's heritage of flowers and sunshine, of limp precious bouquets gathered by grubby fingers, of endless green lawns and grass-stained knees and elbows.

The Garden Mart this year is being undertaken with a definite purpose in view, that of raising funds for the laying out of the grounds of the new Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children which is being erected in this city. Entire charge of the grounds has been taken over by the Garden Club and it remains only to raise the necessary funds to carry out the plans, which have been drawn up by Herbert W. Headle, city landscape architect and member of the executive committee of the Garden Club. During this coming week, which is National Garden Week, the club plans to raise $2000 among its members and friends, which money will be devoted to the work of the hospital grounds, and additional funds for this work will be raised at the fourth annual Garden Mart, which will be held June 4 on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Chapin's home on Crescent Hill.

The Garden Mart.

Springfield needs no introduction to the Garden Mart itself. On this occasion society dons its fairest summer raiment and gathers for tea under brightly striped garden umbrellas and awnings and goes home laden with fresh flowers, potted plants, vegetables, garden implements and accessories. This year a suggestion of the Spanish marketplace will add color to the scene, and balloons, toys and folk dancing on the green will make the afternoon as gay as possible.

The success of the Garden Mart in the past three years has given it a unique place among the social events of the early summer. But heretofore the Mart has only paid its own and the club's running expenses—this year the proceeds will be devoted to the grounds of the cripples' hospital, the laying out of which is the largest task ever undertaken by the Garden Club.

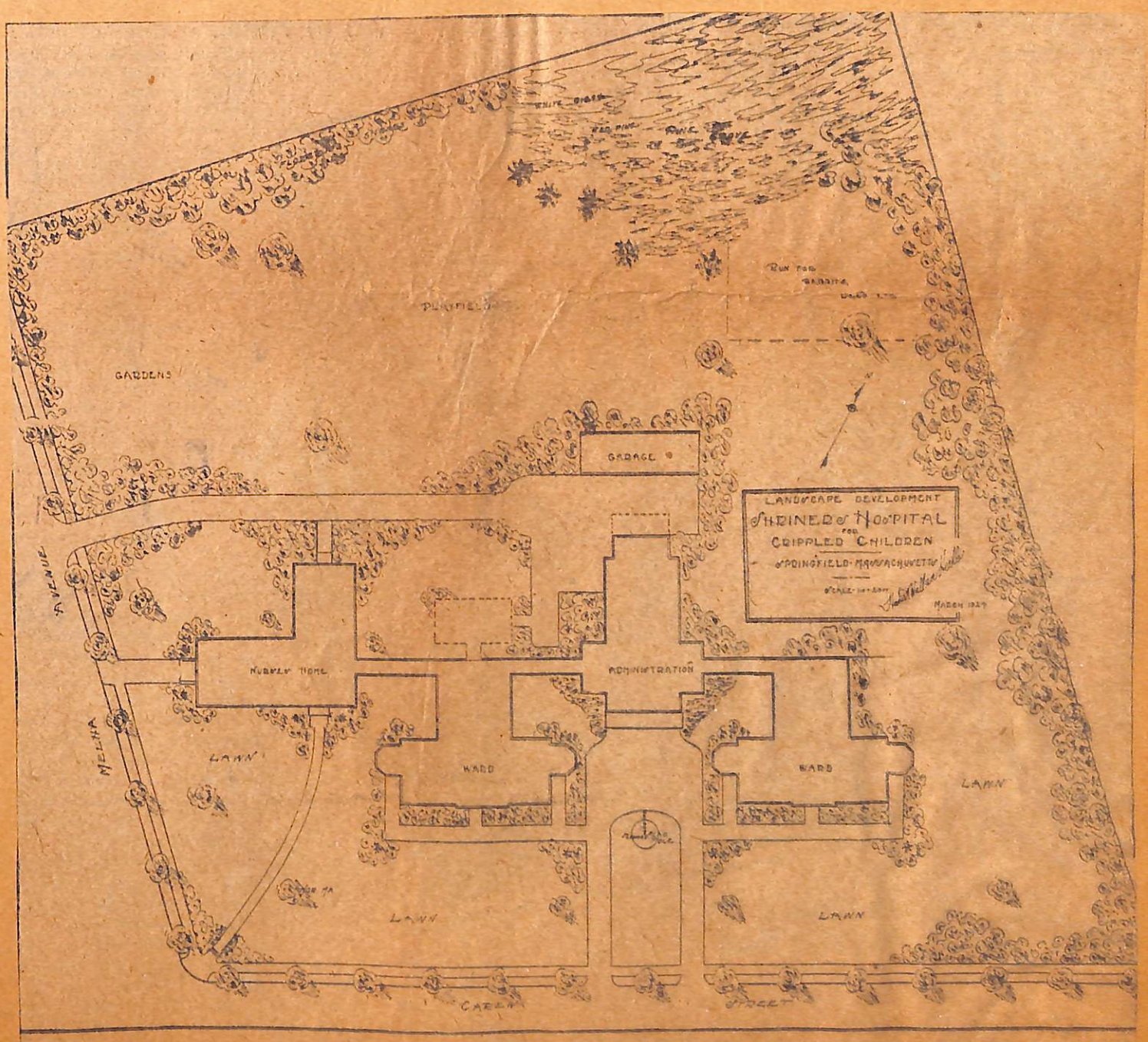
It is unusually fitting that the grounds should be put in charge of the Garden Club members, for they are entirely capable by their experience in their own gardens, their study and observation during the past years to carry out the task with wisdom and sympathy.

"The Garden Club has offered to take entire charge of the hospital grounds," said George M. Hendee, chairman of the hospital building committee, "and we appreciate the time and effort which will be involved in raising the money and carrying out the plans more than we can say. I have seen Mr. Headle's drawing of the layout of the grounds and I think it admirable, planned as it is not only to make a beautiful setting for the building, to make it one of the show places of New England, but to give the greatest possible amount of pleasure and recreation to the crippled children themselves."

Mr. Hendee has visited all of the other Shriner's Hospitals in the country and he says that when the existing plans for the building and grounds of the hospital in Springfield have been carried out, it is his opinion that the hospital here will surpass all of the others.

Planned for Whole Year.

The layout of the grounds has been planned for the whole year around, so that there will be color and life out of doors at every season of the year for young eyes that have seen too much of what was ugly. There is room on the grounds for a pine grove, which will include evergreens of all varieties and which will furnish a pleasing contrast at all times of the year, and especially in winter. Birds will be attracted to the sheltering evergreen boughs and many of the winter birds will make their home there, and they will be fed and encouraged to become permanent inhabitants. The heavy green of the pines will make an ideal background for the hospital buildings and during the spring will contrast well with the light green foliage and flowers of the shrubs.



PROPOSED LAYOUT OF GROUNDS AROUND SHRINER'S HOSPITAL TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY GARDEN CLUB

Springfield Union, December 13, 1924

A Penny a Day

The Springfield Rotary Club, already full of good deeds and generous actions, has undertaken a new charity that commends itself to the humanitarian citizens of the community. From subscribers the club asks "a penny a day," making a yearly subscription of $8.65, to supplement the notable work of the New England Unit of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children by supplying the patients with clothing, braces and surgical appliances and other necessities for the remedying of ailments that the hospital itself cannot supply. Looking beyond the duty of giving to these children the best of medical and physical attention, the Rotary Club plans to devote a share of its funds to providing delicacies and entertainment for the numbers of children who are confined there. Still further to assist the hospital in giving treatment, the fund will partially be used to provide traveling expenses to and from Springfield.

This is a worthy plan. No new charity or endeavor is attempted; rather the club wisely seeks to supplement and to make more beneficial the work of a charity soon to be in force and performing good deeds. The circumstances that the new fund seeks to cover must be met with if the Shrine Hospital is to fulfil its services to the best of its abilities. It is a pleasure to commend the energies that the Rotary Club has devoted to this generous plan and to direct to the attention of the charitable people of Springfield the benefits that may be extended through contributing to this fund. It commends itself as an excellent Yuletide charity.

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Shrine Hospital Permit Is Issued

Plans Filed for 24-Apartment Building in Belmont Avenue.

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William E. Wiesel has filed plans for a 24-apartment block at 102 Belmont Avenue to cost $90,000. The building's dimensions are 88 by 73 feet and it will be a four-story brick ucture. The permit has been issued.

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FEBRUARY 25, 1924

Lay First Brick at Shriners' Hospital for Children Today

THE first brick will be laid today at the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Carew Street, George M. Hendee announced last night. The excavating is nearly completed and the concrete footings are in for the one-story building. Weather permitting the work will go ahead rapidly, the contract calling completion of the hospital plant Nov. 1. The recent cold has delayed the work, but the loss of time may be overcome during the warm months.

MARCH 14, 1924

CHICOPEE

Hendee Describes Shriners' Hospital

Addresses Joint Meeting of Kiwanis Club and Board of Trade.

How the staff of surgeons attached to "Shrine" hospitals throughout the country are making whole again, children of immature age who were believed to be hopelessly crippled, was told last night to the Kiwanis Club and Board of Trade in a joint meeting, by George M. Hendee, chairman of the Springfield Shriners' Hospital Committee. What Melha Temple and the host of well wishers from without the Masonic circles are doing to give to New England just such a hospital also was explained by Mr. Hendee with equal fervor.

Mr. Hendee traced the growth of the hospitals operated in various parts of the United States under the auspices of the Shriners from the original one in Atlanta, Ga., opened Sept. 1, 1915, to the Springfield hospital, now in course of erection at the top of the Carew Street hill.

Stereopticon slides showed graphically the condition of the youthful patients upon entering the hospitals and after a course of treatment.

The Shriners' hospital aims to make deformed children whole, Mr. Hendee gave as its object. It will take children up to 14 years if there is a chance of a cure. No Masonic affiliation or "pull" or financial consideration will gain entrance to the hospital. None but needy cases will be considered and these will be helped by the Shrine charities with the stigma of charity removed from the help. Some of the things which are nonessential to gain entrance to the hospital, said Mr. Hendee, is religious creeds. Crippled children who can be helped and whose parents or guardians have not the funds to pay for a similar cure, will be cared for by the Shrine hospital regardless of creed, he declared.

"CAPERS" YIELDS OVER $6000 FOR HOSPITAL FUND

Kiwanis Club Presents Appropriate Gifts to Producers of Recent Success.

A roar of cheers went up at the Kiwanis Club luncheon meeting this noon when O. B. Olmstead, treasurer of the committee that had charge of the club's recent production, "Campanile Capers," announced that the net profit on the show was more than $6000. This sum is to go for equipment of the operating room of the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.

The meeting this noon was notable in that Kiwanians from nearly every State in the Union were present, most of the visiting Kiwanians being delegates to the General Methodist Conference.

At the close of what proved to be one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the club in months, President Harold A. Bellows called to the front of the Hotel Kimball ballroom Robert C. Pepper and Robert F. Day and on behalf of the club thanked them for their contributions and their sacrifices in making "Campanile Capers" a success. Mr. Pepper, who wrote the book and lyries for the production, was then presented with a beautiful set of pearl cuff links and studs and Mr. Day, who was director of the show, was the recipient of a gold watch.

Then Mrs. Katherine Reed Potter, the club pianist, who had given of her time and effort in assisting in the musical features of the play, was presented with a beautiful wrist watch as a token of the club's appreciation of her part in making the show a success.

When the visiting Kiwanians' names were called they were greeted warmly. A number of them responded to the greeting with words of appreciation for their reception and they told of some of the things that Kiwanis stands for and what their clubs are doing to prove that Kiwanis stands for "service."

A delegate to the Methodist Conference and a Kiwanian from Stockton, Cal., brought a burst of laughter when he stated, "When you talk of California, you have to exaggerate to tell the truth."

Another from Tulsa, Ok., said that his city was one of which one could tell a downright lie at night and wake up in the morning to find he had told the truth.

Greetings were brought to the local club from clubs in Oregon, Washington, North and South Dakota, from West Virginia and other States.

An invitation was extended to the club to attend the open session of the Methodist Conference, since Springfield is now the "World Capital of Methodism."

The visitors had nothing but praise for Springfield to the courtesy they received wherever they went in the city. The North Dakota Kiwanian said that his State was getting rid of radicalism and largely because of Kiwanis Clubs and the principles of the club. The South Dakota visitor merely announced that his was a "State of busted banks but optimistic people."

President Bellows at the close of the session extended the thanks of the club to all who had contributed in a measure toward the success of the club's big show and the meeting ended with the singing of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," at the request of one of the Metholist Kiwian visitors.

NOBLE HENDEE BUSY PERSON THESE DAYS

Speaks at Shrine "Ladies' Night" Saturday — Many Other Engagements

A "ladies' night" instead of the customary smoker, will be held Saturday night at the Shrine clubhouse of Melha temple, it was announced yesterday by Potentate Charles F. Watson.

George M. Hendee, chairman of the local hospital committee, will give an illustrated talk on the work of the various childrens' hospitals throughout the country. From 10 until midnight there will be dancing, to the music of the Melha Temple orchestra under the direction of Arthur L. Lancton. This will be the first public appearance of this recently organized orchestra.

Noble Hendee is in great demand throughout New England, as the interest in the children's hospitals increases. He has just returned from a speaking trip to Rutland, Vt., and Bangor, Me., and on Friday, he will give an address in Montpelier, Vt. Saturday, as stated, he speaks in this city, and next week starts on a trip which will include Boston, Providence, R. I., Lewiston, Me., Hartford and Bridgeport, Ct., and Concord N. H.

The various subsidiary organizations within Melha temple are rapidly underwriting the sale of tickets for Shriners' night of the Popper-Day show, "Campanile Capers," to be given at Court Square theater by the Kiwanis club, April 18, 29 and 30. The entire proceeds will go toward the purchase of equipment for the local Shrine hospital. Tuesday, the 29th, is officially "Shriners' night."

CONTRACTS FOR SHRINE HOSPITAL ARE ANNOUNCED

Jan. 19. 1924

Carlson Company Gets General Job and Begins Work Monday; Total Involved Is $358,210.

The general contract for the erection of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children to be built on the brow of the Carew Street hill has been awarded to the Ernest F. Carlson Company of this city, according to announcement made this morning by Harry H. Caswell, vice-chairman of the Melha Temple building committee.

Raymond R. Bill & Co. has been awarded the heating contract, the Lincoln Company the plumbing contract and the Whitall Electric Company the electric wiring contract. The combined contracts are for a total slightly in excess of $358,000. Work on the new hospital will be started next Monday morning, the Carlson Company stated this morning, following announcement of the contract awards.

The contracts were awarded yesterday at a meeting of a subcommittee of the Board of Trustees of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children, held in Philadelphia, the delay in making the awards being due to the reluctance of Forrest Adair, chairman of the subcommittee, to make the awards because of the high costs entailed. Accordingly, the question was taken up by the entire subcommittee, consisting of Mr. Adair, Mayor W. Freeland Kendrick of Philadelphia and Sam C. Cochran of Dallas, Tex., with George M. Hendee, chairman of the Melha Temple building committee, sitting in conference with them. In each case the firm submitting the lowest bid was awarded the contract.

Isolation Hospital Omitted.

The contracts as let provide for the erection of all units of the hospital group with the exception of the Isolation Hospital, which was stricken from the plans because of the high costs entailed, Mr. Caswell explained in announcing the awards. The bids offered were much higher than for any of the other hospitals erected or contracted for up to this time, due chiefly to the sharp advance in the costs of labor and materials during the recent months, a fact which accounted for Mr. Adair's desire to discuss the whole question exhaustively with the other members of the committee and Mr. Hendee before the awards were made.

The Carlson Company's figure for the general contract, including an estimate for the isolation hospital, was $288,492, but the revised figure after deducting $11,390 for the isolation hospital, is $277,102. Raymond R. Bill & Co.'s sucessful bid for the heating contract was $31,370, less $934 for the isolation hospital, making the final bid $30,436. The Lincoln Company's original bid was for $42,775, less $812 for the isolation hospital, making a final bid of $41,963. The Whitall Electric Company's original bid was for $8879, less $170 for the isolation hospital, making a final figure of $8709. The total cost of the hospital after deducting the estimates for the isolation hospital will be $358,210.

Figures Above Expectation.

It had been the hope of the committee that the cost of the hospital would not reach this figure, but in view of the abnormal costs of labor and material it was seen that this figure was the best it could be hoped to get. Accordingly it was considered wise to give up the idea of erecting the isolation hospital at this time, leaving this as an improvement to be added later. Such a contingency was considered in the first place, as the contractors were requested to submit with their bids the deductions which might be made if one or another of the various units should be omitted.

According to the revised plans the general contract now calls for the erection of an administration building, and a nurses' home and outpatients' building, both of which are to be two stories in hight; two ward buildings, and a garage, all of them one-story high. The group will be absolutely fireproof, the plans calling for brick and cement construction throughout.

The site of the hospital, at the brow of Carew Street Hill overlooking the entire downtown section of the city, already has been stripped of the top soil, leaving the ground ready for the erection of batter boards and the work of excavation. The Carlson Company, in announcing that work would be started Monday morning, said that the time of completion of the work remained open, as much depends upon the character of the weather during the remainder of the winter.

Will Push Work.

It is Mr. Carlson's plan, however, to use all possible speed not only in beginning the work but in putting it through to completion, a program in which he will have the whole-hearted cooperation of the successful bidders for the subcontracts, so that the unit may be ready for occupancy at the earliest possible moment.

It had been hoped that the hospital might be completed by early fall, to allow for formal dedication ceremonies at a season when seasonable weather

SUNSHINE CLUB TO AID SHRINE HOSPITAL UNIT

Feb. 1924

Rotarians Sponsor Fund to Provide for Patients' Needs; Public to Be Asked to Share.

One of the most important philanthropic measures ever attempted by the Springfield Rotary Club was launched at the meeting this noon in the Hotel Kimball. It calls for the formation of a fund to be known as "The Crippled Children's Sunshine Fund," a trust to be administered for the benefit of patients of the New England Unit of the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children located here.

The proposition is a cent a day payment plan, or $3.65 cents a year, payable annually or more often. T membership in the Crippled Childre Sunshine Club will be open to all, pecially to Shriners and members Rotary Clubs in the New England d trict to which the local Shrine hosp will cater. The public will also asked to join.

The trustees of the fund are to Howard W. Selby, chairman; Ches J. Pike, secretary; Carlos B. El treasurer; James E. Hayes and Geor M. Hendee. These original trustees a all members of the Springfield R tary Club and all expenses of orgar zation and administration will be bor by the club, which gives assurance all subscribers that every penny co tributed to the fund will be expend to provide comfort and happiness f the crippled children.

The New England Unit of t Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Ch dren will receive and treat witho charge crippled children whose pa ents cannot afford to provide su treatment themselves. These childr will come from all over New Engla and from Eastern New York State.

While the treatment is provided the hospital, there are many incide tal expenses which cannot be m such as traveling expenses of patien to and from the hospital, supplyir clothing, braces and surgical a pliances and providing delicacies a entertainment for the children. T such purposes the Crippled Children Sunshine Fund will be devoted. Man a child will have a birthday remem brance and other things dear to i heart which it would otherwise hav to do without were it not for th fund.

Provision is made in the trust whic was prepared by Atty. Charles H Beckwith for the filling of vacancie in the office of trustee, for creating depository for the club funds (th Third National Bank of Springfiel has been designated) and for an an nual report from the trustees, etc.

It is expected that New England will pile up a magnificent sum for the benefit of these unfortunate children Everyone who subscribes automatica ly becomes a member of the Cripple Children's Sunshine Club.

The rest of the meeting this noo was devoted to a group of four inti mate talks by Reed R. Aggas, Harol Kittinger, Earl Palmer and Milto Whitney, all members of the Rotar Club. Their personal reminiscence were received with much interest b the club. Rotarian Ernest Swift wa heard in a fine baritone solo.

Clock System Will Be Hospital Gif

Feb 1924

Automotive Dealers Vote Present Equipment to Shrine Institution.

The entire electric clock system 20 clocks to be used in all of halls and rooms in the group buildings now being erected, will presented by the Springfield Au motive Dealers' Association to Shrine Hospital for Crippled Childi It was voted by the association a special meeting in the Nayasset C Friday.

An expenditure of $1600 is rep sented in the gift. The equipmen to be an electric synchronized cl system manufactured by the Stand Electric Time Company of this c There will be a large master clock a special mahogany hall type c with pilot dials, equipped with three tube mercurial compensat pendulum guaranteed to regu within 10 seconds of true time month.

Among the other clocks will b 14-inch marble dial for the wait room, a 12-inch dial in a round hogany case for the office, a ma case finish for the diningroom, a m moisture-proof case for the kitc all on the first floor, while the sec floor will be supplied with two inch dial clocks in white. The cl in the basement will include on a round, black metal case for janitor's room, and one in a metal, moisture and dust-proof for the boiler room. Ivory clocks will be placed in the e west wards, both at the nur tions and diet kitchens, w operating room will have beat ticker clock. The nu will have clocks in mah in the reception and and in the first and corridors

CITY NEWS

ANNUAL VISIT OF GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS TODAY

Beautification at Springfield and Shrine Hospitals and South Branch Inspected.

A large group of Springfield Garden Club members joined the last pilgrimage of the season today and visited the Shriners' Hospital, Springfield Hospital, and South Branch Parkway, where civic work has been done by the club. The tour also included visits to some of Springfield's and Longmeadow's most attractive private gardens at the homes of Mrs. Dwight Ellis, Long Hill Street; Mrs. Norman Wallace, Mrs. Howard Tilson, Mrs. John Harrington and Mrs. Marjorie Jennings.

Under the direction of the club's institutional planting committee, Nelson J. Hibbard, chairman, outstanding contributions have been made to enhance the beauty of the city, and give pleasure to the inmates of its various institutions. The club has undertaken the landscaping of the Springfield Hospital grounds, and during the past two years more than $1700 worth of shrubbery and trees have been planted there. This year's plantings were largely augmented by generous gifts from the Adams Nursery Company as well as the purchases of the club.

The planting includes arborvitae, various varieties of junipers, Norway spruces, Douglas firs, towering red pine and white pine and beds of flowering shrubs. The approaches to the hospital from all highways have been beautified, and impressive plantings have been made around the buildings. An interesting feature of the planting at the main entrance is the hundreds of laurel shrubs that not only give a touch of green the year around, but provide vivid color in their blossoming season.

Replacements of trees have been made at the Shriners' Hospital this year. The landscaping here was carried out by the Adams Nursery Company at the expense of the garden club several years ago. This work brought the award of a silver medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for meritorious planting.

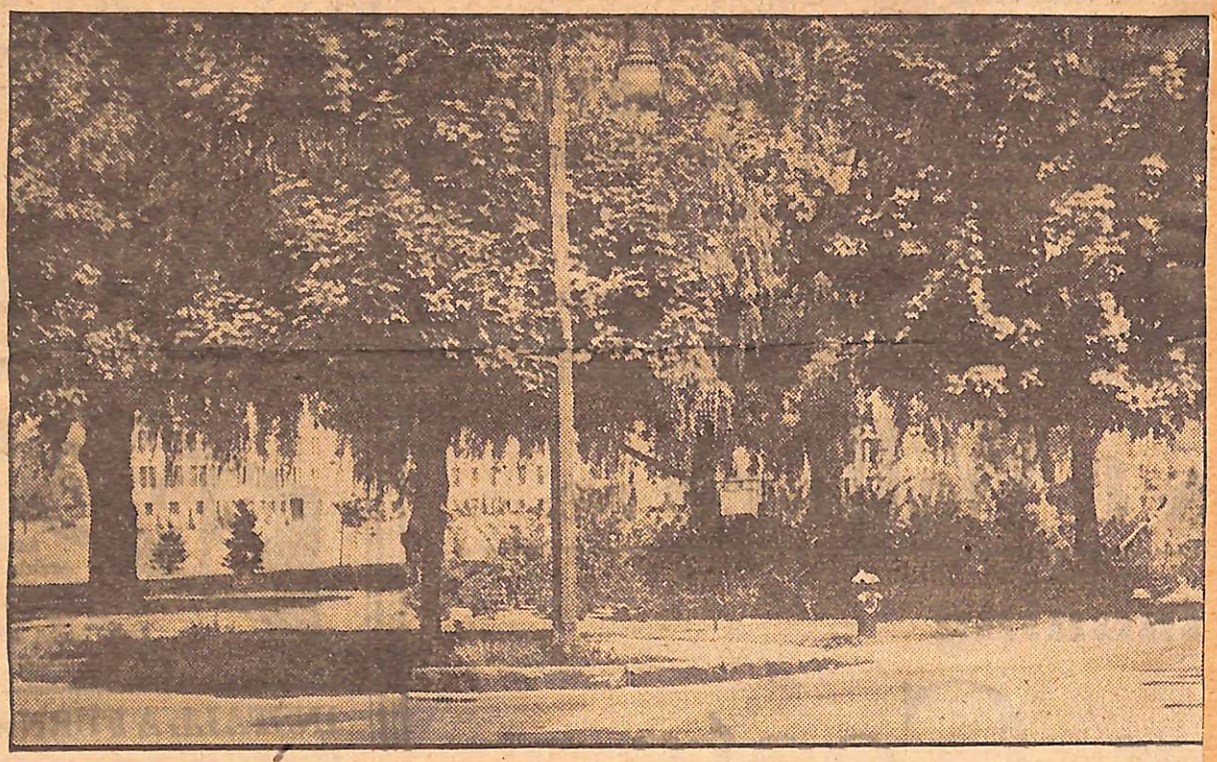
The garden is a gay patch of color and furnishes cheery flowers beside th little white beds and the dining tables from early spring. There has been considerable activity there the past few days because every weed had to be removed before the club members visited it this afternoon.

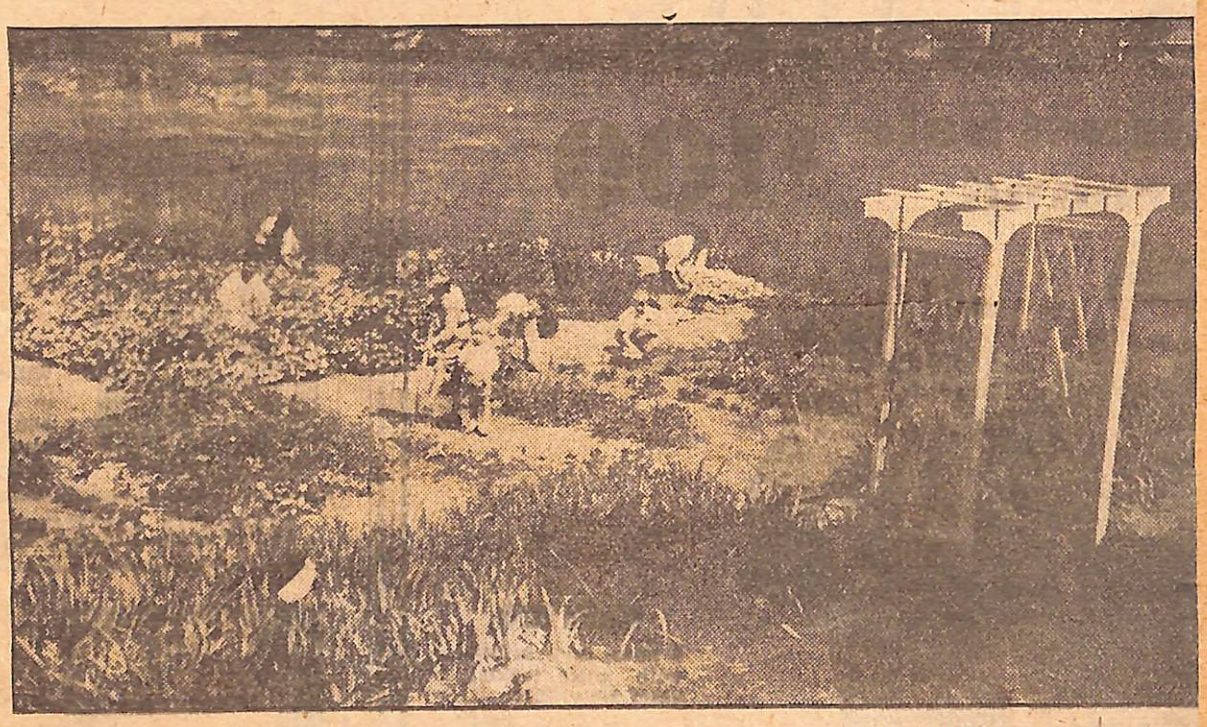
The children at the hospital, and there are 60 now, planned the garden and those who were able to get around planted the seeds under the supervision of Miss Mary Fields of the Springfield School Department. There is a deep border of iris which made a lovely spring showing, and neat little beds of annuals and perennials are laid out with paths between. There are bachelor buttons, zinnias, verbenas, calendulas, popples, marigolds, cosmos, coxcomb, asters, anchusa, sunflowers in the background and hiding behind the sunflowers is a tiny vegetable garden. The center bed is a great mass of vivid petunias.

At the South Branch Parkway the Garden Club members were interested to note the improvements that have been made by the Springfield Park Department which make that area one of the most attractive in the city. The entrance planting near Parker Street, the plantings around the dam, through the rhododendron and laurel glades, were all a part of the landscape plan which the club furnished the city as a civic contribution in the development of the area. The work in the South Branch development brought the club first prize in the first Western Massachusetts Beautification Contest sponsored by The Springfield Union. L. Fletcher Prouty, city forester, conducted the party through the South Branch.

The members of the institutional planting committee include: Mr. Hibbard, chairman; Mrs. Gurdon W. Gordon, Mrs. William Goodell, and Mrs. Frederick E. Hopkins. The committee has also developed gardens at the William Street Home and the Home for Aged Women in Chestnut Street.

WORK SPONSORED BY GARDEN CLUB AT LOCAL INSTITUTIONS VIEWED BY MEMBERS





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Above, glimpse at Springfield Hospital through trees and shrubs planted by Springfield Garden Club; below, flower garden at Shrine Hospital where children grow gay bouquets.

Springfield Union

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WHAT ARE THE

Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children?

"From copy of radio address recently given by George M. Hendee, Chairman Board of Governors of the Springfield Unit:

What are the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children? They are hospitals built and maintained by the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine by an annual assessment placed on each member of the Order. There are fifteen such hospitals throughout North America in which there have been invested more than fifteen million dollars and in which more than eight hundred and fifty children are continually receiving attention.

For the benefit of the crippled children in New England, the Springfield Unit was opened February 21st, 1925, and since that time 2,765 little sufferers have been discharged and at the present time there are six hundred separate children being benefited in the out-patient department.

THERE IS NO RED TAPE to be unwound for a child to be admitted. Any child in need of orthopedic treatment who is not over fourteen years of age, who is normal mentally, whose condition can be improved, and whose parents are unable to pay, can gain admission; and this without regard to religious creed, color, or nationality. The hospitals, therefore, are an absolute charity, taking no pay patients and therefore having no income other than the assessment already referred to.

THE GREAT NEED that existed for hospitals such as the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children is fully illustrated by the long waiting lists which each unit developed. After nine and a half years of intensive work at the Springfield Unit we average around three hundred children on our waiting list and, as before mentioned, during that period we have discharged 2,765.

The object of the hospitals is to benefit helpless humanity, to prevent possible pauperism, to turn wealth consumers into wealth producers, and to exemplify Christian principles.

During hospitalization here at the Springfield Unit the children are taught regular school courses according to age and grade under a competent school teacher. Vocational therapy is also conducted which occupies the minds of these children while passing through their physical transformation and this training develops constructive talents which may assist them to make their livelihood in later life and at the same time helping in the work of developing their bodies.

In taking up this work the Shriners drew their inspiration from those matchless words of the Master, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The interest on the part of the members of this Noble Order to assist and aid the indigent crippled child also arose from their desire to put into practice some of the principles for which Masonry stands and a determination to present to the world a concrete example of a true Charity and one on which the shadow of commercialism would never fall. To this end one of the fundamental rules adopted at the outset was that there should never be a pay patient admitted within the walls of their hospitals. This rule cannot be stressed too strongly as it places these Houses of Mercy on a pedestal above every other institution of its kind. It lifts them above the level of selfish interests. It is a recognition of the fact that something is due to those who have not been blessed with the good things of the world and that any child, no matter how badly crippled, is entitled to a fair start in the battle of life.

A certain Dr. Forrester in one of his articles uses this pregnant sentence, "The best alms is that which makes alms unnecessary." This has been the guiding thought of the men who made these institutions possible and who are directing their destinies. Constructive charity has been their aim, to enable others to help themselves has been their ultimate purpose, and when as its material to work upon it selects helpless childhood of indigent parentage who are utterly without hope of receiving the service necessary for their case, they have reached the highest expressions of a true charity. Surely this expression has been attained in the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

There is a door beyond which lies the fulfillment of dreams. When the door is swung ajar, a crippled child may find beyond a sacred spot where he may be restored to health and have rekindled in his breast the fires of smouldering hope.

NO CREED OR RACE, NO LACK OF WEALTH prevents free access to this shrine, founded in love and maintained by human sympathy, for its guiding purpose is to fulfill the wish of every crippled child crying for relief.

Blessed be the hand that turns the key and helps to open wide the door of hope.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit the Springfield Unit at Springfield, Massachusetts, and see first-hand the wonders performed and the transformations made on these little crippled children by those who subscribe themselves Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Pictures of Children on entering and leaving the Hospital